

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

November 27, 2007

9:00 a.m.

307 House Office Building

The Chair called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Miller, Meadows, Farrah, Hopgood, Lindberg, LaJoy, Steil, Rick Jones,

Absent and excused were: Reps. Bieda, Constan, Wenke.

Rep. Hopgood moved to excuse the members that were absent. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Steil moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 6, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Chair Miller laid before the Committee HB 4443 - Miller - State financing and management; funds; employers who receive state funds; prohibit if employer engages in activities that discourage unionization.

Chair Miller recognized Andy Levin, Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Development who testified that similar legislation passed in California. Mr. Levin stated that the United States Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments in 2008 whether the legislation is constitutional. Mr. Levin stated that his position is neutral towards HB 4443.

Discussion and questions followed.

Chair Miller read from an issue paper, "Innovations in State and Local Labor Legislation: Neutrality Laws and Labor Peace Agreements in California", written concerning similar legislation that passed in California and in other states. (attached to the minutes)

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of HB 4443 but did not want to testify.

Chris Michalakakis from the United Food and Commercial Workers of Michigan

Jerry Gibson from the United Transportation Union

Ken Fletcher from the Michigan Nurses Association

Ellen Hoekstra representing IUOE, Local 547

Louise Somalski from AFT - Michigan

Dave Stafford from the Michigan Education Association

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The following people filled out testimony cards in opposition to HB 4443 but did not want to testify.

Wendy Block from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Amanda Radar from the National Federation of Independent Business

Chris Mitchell from the Michigan Health and Hospital Association

Chair Miller recognized Chris Fisher from the Associated Builders and Contractors Association who testified in opposition to HB 4443.

Discussion and questions followed

Chair Miller recognized the following people who testified in support of HB 4443.

Nick Ciaramitaro from the Michigan AFSCME Local 25

Nadine Nosal from the International Union, UAW

Todd Tennis representing the Michigan State Employees Association

Jack Minore from the AFL-CIO

Cynthia Paul from the Service Employees International Union

Chair Miller announced that the Committee on Labor would meet on Friday November 30, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Detroit, Michigan at the Sacred Heart Church Activity Center, to take further testimony concerning HB 4443.

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Miller adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:15 a.m.

Representative Fred Miller, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk